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ORGANIZATION

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750-1-.01 Organization. Amended.

All rules and regulations pertaining to the Administration of the State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts shall be administered by the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Office of Secretary of State.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 275, 277; 1975; pp. 1074, 1077; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-2, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-1-1, 43-51-4. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Organization" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed November 19, 1980, effective December 9, 1980. **Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1991. **Amended:** F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000. **Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.

750-1-.02 Composition of Board. Amended.

The Georgia State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts shall consist of six members to be appointed by the Governor.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 274, 277; 1975, pp. 1074, 1075; 1980, pp. 63, 64; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-51-3, 43-51-6. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Organization of Board" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Repealed:** New Rule, same title, adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Amended:** Rule retitled "Composition of Board." F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993.

750-1-.03 Officers. Amended.

The officers of the Board shall be Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson who shall be elected from among the members and shall take office on July 1 of each year.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 274, 277; 1975, pp. 1074, 1075; 1980, pp. 63, 64; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-51-3, 43-51-5. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Officers" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Repealed:** New Rule, same title, adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-1-.04 Meetings. Amended.

The Board shall meet at least two times a year to carry out regular business. The chairperson or the Division Director may call special meetings. Notice of the meeting shall be given to all members at least ten days prior to date of the meeting. Parliamentary procedure shall be according to Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-1, 43-51-3, 43-1-2, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-10. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Meetings" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Filed April 3, 1986; effective April 23, 1986. **Repealed:** New Rule same title, adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Amended:** F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct 1, 1995. **Amended:** F. Feb 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000. **Amended:** F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.

750-1-.05 Quorum. Amended.

A majority of the appointed members of a state examining board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 277; 1975, pp. 1074, 1077; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-2(h), 43-51-5. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Quorum" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-1-.06 Classification of Public Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Plants.

The division shall classify all public water supply systems and wastewater treatment plants with due regard to the size, type, character of water or wastewater to be treated and other physical conditions affecting such systems or treatment plants, according to the skill, knowledge, and experience that the operator in responsible charge must have to operate the facilities successfully so as to protect the public health and welfare and prevent unlawful pollution.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-10. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Classification of Public Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Plants" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

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DEFINITIONS

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750-2-.01 Definitions

750-2-.02 Repealed

750-2-.01 Definitions. Amended.

The following words or phrases as used in these Rules shall, unless a different meaning is required by context, have the following meaning:

(a) "Act" means the certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts Act, approved April 8, 1969, and as hereafter may be amended.

(b) "Board" or "Board of Examiners" means the State Board of Examiners for Certification of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators and Laboratory Analysts.

(c) "Class IV Public Water Supply System" means any very small public water supply system in this state which is a ground-water system serving a population of less than 1,000.

(d) "Course work" means curriculum as approved by the Board.

(e) "Division" means the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

(f) "Laboratory analyst" means any person who performs a laboratory test in conjunction with operation of a public water system or wastewater treatment plant.

(g) "Laboratory test" means any test performed in conjunction with the operation of a public water supply or wastewater treatment plant that is required for regulatory reporting purposes excluding dissolved oxygen, pH, chlorine residual, turbidity, temperature **and** specific conductance. Also excluded are those tests performed in a commercial environmental laboratory that is approved under the Division's "Rules for Commercial Environmental Laboratories."

(h) "Operator" means any person who performs operation duties, as defined by the Board, at wastewater treatment plants, wastewater collection systems, water distribution systems, public water supply systems, or water treatment plants.

(i) "Operator in responsible charge" means any operator who has direct general charge of the day-to-day field operation of a wastewater treatment plant, wastewater collection system, water distribution system, or public water supply system, and who is responsible for the quality of the treated water or wastewater effluent;

(j) "Operation duties":

1. for a wastewater treatment plant and for a water treatment plant means day-to-day process control decisions which may affect the treatment and, therefore, quality of the treated water and/or wastewater effluent; and

2. for a wastewater collection system or for a water distribution system means the on site supervision of the cleaning, maintaining, and repairing of the system.

(k) "Points" means continuing education requirements by the board as a condition of certificate renewal. The number of points awarded by the Board for a course or

conference may or may not be the same as the number of contact hours in the course or conference.

- (l) "Process Control decisions" means decisions which may affect the treatment and, therefore, quality of the treated water and/or wastewater effluent.
- (m) "Public water supply system" means the system of pipes, structures, and facilities through which water is obtained and treated, to be offered to the public for household use or for any other public consumption.
- (n) "Supervision" means accountability for the work of the supervisee.
- (o) "System" means all integral unit operations and processes, including conduits, appurtenances, machine, control elements and laboratory functions.
- (p) "Trainee" means an individual engaged in a training period. A trainee is not required to hold a certificate and may not perform operation duties or perform laboratory test, unless under the direct supervision of a certified operator or a certified laboratory analyst.
- (q) "Training period" means a period of time during which a trainee is learning operator or laboratory analyst duties under the direction of a certified operator or laboratory analyst. Any uncertified person who was operating an industrial wastewater treatment plant on or before July 1, 1991, may provide training to a trainee at that plant until June 30, 1996.
- (r) "Very small public water supply system" means any public water supply system in this state which is a ground-water system serving a population of less than 1,000.
- (s) "Wastewater collection system" means the system of sanitary sewers, pipes, manholes, pumps, and other such apparatus used to convey sewage to wastewater treatment plants.
- (t) "Wastewater treatment" means any biological, physical/chemical, or settling processes which remove pollutants from industrial or domestic wastewaters prior to discharge to a stream, sewer or land. It includes only those processes permitted by the Division or an approved local government under the Georgia Water Quality Control Act or its successor. It excludes those processes that consist solely of one or more of the following: screening, pH adjustment, sedimentation processes without mechanical solids removal, septic tanks, grease traps or oil-water separators, unless specifically required in a permit.
- (u) "Wastewater treatment plant" means the facilities provided for the treatment and disposal of wastewater, including industrial process wastewater, as classified by the Division.
- (v) "Wastewater treatment system" means the combination of a wastewater collection system and a wastewater treatment plant.
- (w) "Water distribution system" means the system of pipes, pumps, valves, and other such apparatus used to distribute water to the public.
- (x) "Water treatment plant" means the portion of the water supply system which in some way alters the physical, chemical, or bacteriological quality of the water.
- (y) "Water treatment system" means a public water supply system as classified by the Division and as defined in the Act.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-51-2, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-1-25, 43-51-25, 43-1-19, 43-51-8. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Definitions" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Filed August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988. **Repealed:** New Rule, same title, adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Repealed:** New Rule, same title, adopted. F. Sept 20, 1993; eff. Oct. 10, 1993. **Amended:** ER 750-2-0.1-.01 was f. Jun. 7, 1994; eff.

Jul. 1, 1994, as specified by the Agency, to remain in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a Permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said ER, as specified by the Agency. **Amended:** Permanent Rule adopted. F. Jul. 27, 1994; eff. Aug. 16, 1994. **Amended:** F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995. **Amended:** F. Dec. 2, 1997; eff. Dec. 22, 1997. **Amended:** F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.

750-2-.02 Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 275, 277. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Abbreviations" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.

CHAPTER 750-3

CLASSIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

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750-3-.01 Mandatory Certification. Amended.

(1) Public Water Supply System Operators and Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operators. All operators must be certified; provided, however, that each industrial wastewater treatment or pretreatment facility, shall be required to have only one operator in responsible charge obtain such a certification; and

(2) Water Distribution System and Wastewater Collection System Operators. All operators must be certified; provided however, that each industrial wastewater collection system or distribution system shall be required to have only one operator in responsible charge obtain such a certification; and

(3) Water and Wastewater Laboratory Analyst. All laboratory analysts must be certified; provided, however, that any industrial wastewater or pretreatment plant shall be required to have only one responsible analyst obtain such certification, and any other analyst in that facility shall be supervised by that person.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-1-19, 43-1-25. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Certification Criteria" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Operator and Laboratory Analyst Classification" adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Filed March 20, 1984; effective April 9, 1984. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Mandatory Certification" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Amended:** F. Sept 20, 1993; eff. Oct. 10, 1993. **Amended:** F. Sept 11, 1995; eff. Oct 1, 1995. **Amended:** f. Dec. 2, 1997; eff. Dec. 22, 1997.

750-3-.02 Operator in Responsible Charge. Amended.

The operator who is in responsible charge of a public water supply system or wastewater treatment system shall hold a certificate of a class equal to or higher than the class of the plant or system being operated.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-1-19, 43-1-25. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Requirements for Operator and Laboratory Analyst Certification" was filed on November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed September 19, 1993; effective October 9, 1983. **Amended:** Filed March 4, 1987; effective March 24, 1987. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988. **Amended:** F. May 8, 1990; eff. May 28, 1990. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Operator in Responsible Charge" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Amended:** ER 750-3-0.2-.02 was f. Jun. 7, 1994; eff. Jul. 1, 1994, as specified by the Agency, to remain in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a Permanent Rule covering the

same subject matter superseding said ER, as specified by the Agency. **Amended:** Permanent Rule adopted. F. Jul. 27, 1994; eff. Aug. 16, 1994.

750-3-.03 Classifications. Amended.

Operator and Laboratory Analysts shall be certified as follows:

- (a) Public Water Supply System Operator: Class I, II, III, or IV;
- (b) Water Distribution System Operator;
- (c) Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator. Class I, II, III or IV;
- (d) Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator;
- (e) Wastewater Collection System Operator;
- (f) Water Laboratory Analyst;
- (g) Wastewater Laboratory Analyst.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-1-19, 43-1-25. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Certificates" was filed on November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Filed May 5, 1981; effective May 25, 1981. **Amended:** Filed May 28, 1982; effective June 17, 1982. **Amended:** Filed December 10, 1982; effective December 30, 1982. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed September 19, 1983; effective October 9, 1983. **Amended:** Filed October 24, 1983; effective November 13, 1983. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed May 1, 1985; effective May 21, 1985. **Amended:** Filed April 3, 1986, effective April 23, 1986. **Amended:** Filed May 1, 1987; effective May 21, 1987. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Certification" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Amended:** ER 750-3-0.2-.03 was f. Jun. 7, 1994; eff. Jul. 1, 1994, as specified by the Agency, to remain in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a Permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said ER, as specified by the Agency. **Amended:** Permanent Rule adopted. F. Jul. 27, 1994; eff. Aug. 16, 1994. **Amended:** Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995.

750-3-.04 Requirements. Amended.

In order to be certified in a particular class or category, an applicant must meet requirements as set forth below.

(a) **Current Certification.** Applicants must hold the following certificates before taking an examination for the next level of certification:

<u>CERTIFICATE APPLIED FOR</u>	<u>CURRENT CERTIFICATE</u>
Public Water Supply System Operator	
Class IV	None
Class III	None
Class II	III
Class I	II
Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator	
Class IV	None
Class III	None
Class II	III
Class I	II
Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator	None
Water or Wastewater Laboratory Analyst	None
Water Distribution System Operator	None
Wastewater Collection System Operator	None

(b) **Experience.** 1. Applicants must have completed experience in the actual system operation prior to taking an examination. The amount of experience that is required is dependent upon the applicant's education, as follows:

<u>CERTIFICATE APPLIED FOR</u>	<u>EXPERIENCE</u>	<u>EXPERIENCE</u>
	With H.S. Diploma or GED Certificate	With Accredited B.S. Degree or higher in Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, or an equivalent Degree, or a current Class I certificate in another category
Public Water Supply System Operator		
Class IV	1 month	1 month
Class III	3 months	3 months
Class II	2 years	1 year
Class I	3 years	2 years
Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operator		
Class IV	1 month	1 month
Class III	3 months	3 months
Class II	2 years	1 year
Class I	3 years	2 years
Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator	3 months	3 months
Water or Wastewater Laboratory Analyst	3 months	3 months
Water Distribution System Operator	3 months	3 months
Wastewater Collection System Operator	3 months	3 months

2. For those applicants who have a high school diploma or GED certificate, the Board may consider other factors, including post secondary education and other training and experience, to determine satisfaction of the experience requirements.

(c) Education. Every applicant must have earned a minimum of a high school diploma or GED certificate prior to taking the examination and must provide proof of education when he/she submits his/her application for certificate to the Board.

(d) Course Work. Applicants must have completed the required course work prior to taking the examination and provide proof of completion of course work when they submit their application for certificate to the Board. The Board may evaluate, on a case by case basis, post secondary education to determine satisfaction of the course work requirements.

CERTIFICATE APPLIED FOR

COURSE WORK

Public Water Supply System Operator

Class IV

6 hours basic
water operator
course work

Class III

40 hours basic
water operator
course work

Class II

48 hours
advanced water
operator course
work

Class I

No additional

Biological Wastewater Treatment System
Operator

Class IV

6 hours basic
waste
stabilization pond
operator course
work

Class III	40 hours basic wastewater operator course work
Class II	48 hours advanced wastewater operator course work
Class I	No additional
Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operator	27 hours industrial wastewater operator course work
Water Laboratory Analyst	27 hours basic water laboratory course work or Associate Degree or higher in Biology, Environmental Science, Chemistry, or an equivalent degree
Wastewater Laboratory Analyst	27 hours basic wastewater laboratory course work or Associate Degree or higher in Biology, Environmental Science, Chemistry, or an equivalent degree
Water Distribution System Operator	27 hours water distribution course work
Wastewater Collection System Operator	27 hours wastewater collection course work

(e) Examination. An applicant must pass a written examination in order to receive a certificate.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-51-8, 43-51-6.1. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Revocation and Suspension of Certificates" adopted. F. Nov. 19, 1980; eff. Dec. 9, 1980. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Renewal" adopted. F. July 8, 1988; eff. July 28, 1988. **Amended:** Rule retitled "Renewal of a Class I Certificate." F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Requirements" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Amended:** F. Sept. 20, 1993; eff. Oct. 10, 1993. **Amended:** F. Dec. 28, 1993; eff. Jan. 17, 1994. **Amended:** ER 750-3-0.2-.04 adopted. F. June 7, 1994; eff. July 1, 1994, as specified by the Agency, to remain in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a Permanent Rule covering the same subject matter is adopted, as specified by the Agency. **Amended:** Permanent Rule adopted. F. July 27, 1994; eff. Aug. 16, 1994. **Amended:** F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995. **Amended:** F. Dec. 2, 1997; eff. Dec. 22, 1997. **Amended:** F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000. **Amended:** F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan 31, 2001.

750-3-.05 Repealed.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Renewal of a Class II Certificate" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct 4, 1989. **Repealed:** F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-3-.06 Repealed.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Renewal of a Class III Certificate" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct 4, 1989. **Repealed:** F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-3-.07 Repealed.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Renewal of all Water Distribution System Operator Certificates" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989. **Repealed:** F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-3-.08 Repealed.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Renewal of All Wastewater Collection System Operator Certificates" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989. **Repealed:** F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-3-.09 Repealed.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Renewal of All Water Laboratory Analyst Certificates and All Wastewater Laboratory Analyst Certificates" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989. **Repealed:** F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-3-.10 Repealed.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Renewal of More Than One Certificate" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989. **Repealed:** F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-3-.11 Repealed.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Continuing Education Providers" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989. **Repealed:** F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-3-.12 Repealed.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-6. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Documentation" adopted. F. Sept. 14, 1989; eff. Oct. 4, 1989. **Repealed:** F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

CHAPTER 750-4

APPLICATIONS, EXAMINATIONS AND ENDORSEMENT

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750-4-.01 Applications for Examination.

(1) All applications for examination and re-examination, together with the required fee shall be submitted to the designated agent of the Board. Completed applications for examination and re-examination must be received by the designated agent no later than 45 days before the scheduled examination.

(2) The Board through its designated agent, will provided reasonable accommodation to a qualified applicant with a disability in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The request for an accommodation by an individual with a disability must be in writing and received by the designated agent of the Board by the application deadline along with appropriate documentation, as indicated in the Request for Disability Accommodation Guidelines.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-7, 43-1-19. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Operator Classification" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Examinations" adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Applications" adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988. **Amended:** F. Dec. 29, 1989; eff. Jan. 18, 1990. **Amended:** F. Sept 17, 1990; eff. Oct. 7, 1990. **Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Amended:** F. Sept 20, 1993, eff. Oct. 10, 1993. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Americans With Disabilities Act" adopted. F. Sept. 2, 1994; eff. Sept 22, 1994. **Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Sept. 7, 1994; eff. Sept. 27, 1994. **Amended:** F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.

750-4-.02 Application for Certificate. Amended.

Upon passing the examination described in this chapter, a qualified applicant may apply for certificate. The application must be submitted to the Board accompanied by documentation that the course work, education, and experience requirements were met prior to taking the examination, as reported by the applicant on the application for examination. A non-refundable application fee must be submitted with the application for certificate.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-9, 43-1-25, 48-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-7. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Requirements for Operator Certification" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.

Amended: Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976. **Amended:** Filed January 8, 1979; effective January 28, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Application" adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Filed October 9, 1981; effective October 29, 1981. **Amended:** Filed December 10, 1982; effective December 30, 1982. **Amended:** Filed March 20, 1984; effective April 9, 1984. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985. **Amended:** Filed April 3, 1986; effective April 23, 1986. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Examinations" adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988. **Amended:** F. Mar. 9, 1990; eff. Mar. 29, 1990. **Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Amended:** ER 750-4-0.3-.02 was f. Jun. 7, 1994, eff. Jul. 1, 1994 as specified by the agency to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this ER. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Applications" adopted. F. Sept. 7, 1994; eff. Sept. 27, 1994. **Amended:** F. Sept. 13, 1994; eff. Oct. 3, 1994. **Amended:** F. Sept 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995. **Amended:** F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.

750-4-.03 Certification by Endorsement.

(1) The Board may, upon application, issue a certificate without examination to any person who holds a certificate in good standing issued by another country or by any state, territory, or possession of the United States when the following criteria are fulfilled:

- (a) The country, state, territory, or possession of the United States has, in the opinion of the Board, requirements substantially similar to those of the Board;
- (b) The applicant must submit a written application for certification by endorsement on forms which will be provided by the Board;
- (c) An endorsement form must be completed by the country, province, state, territory, or possession of the United States of certification and submitted to the Board specifying that the applicant has a current certification and is in good standing;
- (d) The applicant must have earned a minimum of a high school diploma or GED certificate and must provide proof of education when he/she submits his/her application to the Board;
- (e) The applicant must submit the appropriate application fee. (See Fee Schedule.) The application fee is non-refundable.

(2) In the event that the applicant cannot satisfy the standards above, the applicant may apply for certification under Rule 750-3-.04 entitled Requirements.

(3) The Board shall maintain a written list of current approved countries, provinces, and states, territories, and possessions of the United States from which applicants may be endorsed. Such list may be furnished upon request.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-9, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-7. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Certificate" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974. **Amended:** Filed August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** A new Rule entitled "Operator and Laboratory Analyst Change in Status" adopted. Filed May 1, 1987; effective May 21, 1987.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Failure of Examination" adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988. **Repealed:** New Rule, entitled "Lateral Entry" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Amended:** ER 750-4-0.3-.03 was f. Jun. 7, 1994, eff. Jul. 1, 1994, as specified by the agency, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this ER. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Certification by Endorsement" adopted. F. Sept. 7, 1994; eff. Sept. 27, 1994. **Amended:** F. Sept. 13, 1994; eff. Oct. 3, 1994. **Amended:** F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995. **Amended:** F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.

750-4-.04 Examinations.

(1) Examinations shall be offered at least six times annually at time and location designated by the Board.

(2) An applicant must pass a written examination in order to receive a certificate.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-7, 43-51-8. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Revocation and Suspension of Certificate" was filed on August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Rule entitled "Operator and Laboratory Analyst Change in Status" adopted. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988. **Repealed:** New Rule, entitled "Failure of Examinations" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Amended:** ER 750-4-0.3-.04 was f. Jun. 7, 1994, eff. Jul. 1, 1994, as specified by the agency, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this ER. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Examinations" adopted. F. Sept. 7, 1994; eff. Sept. 27, 1994. **Amended:** F. Sept. 13, 1994; eff. Oct. 13, 1994. **Amended:** F. Dec. 2, 1997; eff. Dec. 22, 1997. **Amended:** F. Feb. 9, 2000; Feb. 29, 2000. **Amended:** F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.

750-4-.05 Repealed.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-9, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-7. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Failure of Examinations" adopted as ER. 750-4-0.3-.05. F. June 7, 1994, eff. July 1, 1994, as specified by the agency, to remain in effect for 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter is adopted, as specified by the Agency. **Amended:** Permanent Rule of same title adopted. F. Sept. 7, 1994; eff. Sept. 27, 1994. **Amended:** F. Sept. 13, 1994; eff. Oct. 3, 1994. **Amended:** F. Dec. 2, 1997; eff. Dec. 22, 1997. **Repealed:** F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.

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750-5-.01 Operational Activities Without Further Certification. Amended.

(1) Certified Class I, II, or III Public Water Supply System Operators may operate water distribution systems without further certification.

(2) Certified Class I, II or III **Biological** Wastewater Treatment System Operators may operate wastewater collection systems without further certification.

(3) Certified Class I, II or III **Biological** Wastewater Treatment System Operators may operate industrial wastewater treatment plants without further certification.

(4) Certified Industrial Wastewater Treatment System Operators may operate industrial wastewater treatment plants and/or collection systems tributary to their plant.

(5) Certified Class I or II Public Water Supply System Operators may perform the duties of a water laboratory analyst and certified Class I or II Biological Wastewater Treatment System Operators may perform the duties of a wastewater laboratory analyst in conducting certain tests for reporting purposes as defined by the Board without further certification.

(6) Certified Class IV Very Small Water System Operators may operate only very small public water supply systems and their distribution systems.

(7) Certified Class IV Wastewater Treatment System Operators may operate only Class IV Wastewater Treatment Systems and their collection systems.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-51-5, 43-1-25, 43-51-6, 43-51-7. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Examinations" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Filed November 22, 1972; effective December 12, 1972. **Amended:** Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Application" adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed July 5, 1983; effective July 25, 1983. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed April 3, 1986; effective April 23, 1986. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Operational Activities without Further Certification" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Amended:** F. Sept. 20, 1993; eff. Oct. 10, 1993. **Amended:** ER 750-5-0.4-.01 was f. Jun. 7, 1994, eff. Jul. 1, 1994 as specified by the Agency, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this ER. **Amended:** Permanent Rule adopted. F. Jul. 27, 1994; eff. Aug. 16, 1994. **Amended:** F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995. **Amended:** F. Dec. 2, 1997; eff. Dec. 22, 1997. **Amended:** F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000.

750-5-.02 Repealed.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-51-5. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Applications" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule amended and title changed to "Application" Filed August 12, 1974; effective September 1, 1974. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Examination" adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed April 3, 1986; effective April 23, 1986. **Repealed:** F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-5-.03 Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277; 1980, pp. 304, 307. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Certification Proof" was filed on November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed April 3, 1986; effective April 23, 1986.

750-5-.04 Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277; 1980, pp. 304, 307. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Reciprocity Privileges" was filed on November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed April 3, 1986; effective April 23, 1986.

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All certificates expire June 30 of odd-numbered years.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-4, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-9. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Applications" adopted. F. Oct. 8, 1971; eff. Oct. 28, 1971. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Survey" adopted. F. Nov. 19, 1980; eff. Dec. 9, 1980. **Repealed:** F. Sept. 10, 1982; eff. Sept. 30, 1982. **Amended:** New Rule entitled "Disciplinary Procedures" adopted. F. July 8, 1988; eff. July 28, 1988. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Expiration Date" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-6-.02 Renewal of a Certificate.

(1) An Application for renewal of a certificate must be accompanied by a renewal fee (See Fee Schedule) and attestation of continuing education points accumulated since the last renewal period. The following chart lists the required number of points for each renewal certification:

CERTIFICATION HELD	CONTINUING EDUCATION POINTS
Class I Operator Water & Wastewater	18
Class II Operator Water & Wastewater	12
Industrial Wastewater Operator	12
Laboratory Analyst Water & Wastewater	12
Class III Operator Water & Wastewater	6
Water Distribution System Operator	6
Wastewater Collection System Operator	6
Class IV Operator Water & Wastewater	2

(2) The biennial renewal fee is due and payable by June 30 of odd numbered years. A surcharge will be added for payments, which are received within a three-month penalty period, between July 1 and September 30 of odd-numbered years. (See Fee Schedule) Any continuing education points acquired to renew that certificate during the penalty period may not be used again during the next renewal cycle.

(3) An individual who passes an examination required by the Board for certification is exempt from all continuing education requirements for that certificate for the first renewal period after initial issuance of the certificate.

(4) If more than one continuing education course is needed to equal the required continuing education points to be eligible for a renewal, then the same course cannot be attended more than once to equal the required continuing education points in the same renewal period. However, the same continuing education course can be attended during a different renewal period.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-4, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-9. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Examination" adopted. F. Oct. 8, 1971; eff. Oct. 28, 1971. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Investigation" adopted. F. Nov. 19, 1980; eff. Dec. 9, 1980. **Repealed:** F. July 8, 1988; eff. July 28, 1988. **Amended:** New Rule entitled "Renewal of a Certificate" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Amended:** F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Amended:** F. Sept. 20, 1993; eff. Oct. 10, 1993. **Amended:** ER. 750-6-0.5-.02 adopted. F. June 7, 1994; eff. July 1, 1994, as specified by the Agency. **Amended:** Permanent Rule adopted. F. July 27, 1994; eff. Aug. 16, 1994. **Amended:** F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct. 1, 1995. **Amended:** Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000. **Amended:** F. June 16, 2005; eff. July 6, 2005.

750-6-.03 Renewal of More Than One Certificate.

(1) An operator may maintain current certification in only one class of a category. When a person receives a higher class certificate, their lower class certificate shall be rendered void.

(2) An operator or analyst who holds more than one certificate must submit the following:

(a) Renewal application for each certificate;

(b) Renewal fee for each certificate; and

(c) Attestation of the highest number of continuing education points which are required to renew any of the Operator's or Laboratory Analyst's certificates (i.e., 18, 12, or 6). A maximum of 18 points total could be required.

(i) Training course work required to be eligible for an exam, which has also been approved by the Board for a specified number of recertification points, may be used for renewal of currently held certificates. If the currently held certifications require a higher number of continuing education points for renewal than the course work was approved for, then additional continuing education points must be acquired to fulfill the full amount of continuing education points required for renewal of currently held certifications.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-4, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Validity of Voluntary Certificate" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Orders, Hearings, Civil Actions, Appeals" adopted. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed July 8, 1988; effective July 28, 1988. **Amended:** New Rule entitled "Renewal of More Than One Certificate" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Amended:** F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Amended:** F. Sept 20, 1993; eff. Oct. 10, 1993. **Amended:** F. June 16, 2005; eff. July 6, 2005.

750-6-.04 Basic, Advanced and Continuing Education Courses.

(1) The Board shall maintain a list of currently approved course providers in accordance with eligibility criteria published by the Board. Course providers must be approved by the Board or its designee in order for applicants to receive credit. The Board may also elect to approve individual courses. A request by a course provider for approval must be submitted on a form that may be obtained from the Board and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee and supporting documents as required by the Board (See Fee Schedule). All course approvals shall expire on or before January 31 of even-numbered years.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Operator Certification" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Basic, Advanced and Continuing Education Courses" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 16, 2005; eff. July 6, 2005.

750-6-.05 Documentation of Continuing Education. Amended.

(1) Each operator or laboratory analyst shall maintain for three years their own record of the continuing education activities which they have completed. The Board will not maintain continuing education files.

(2) Applicants shall attest on their biennial renewal application that they have satisfied the continuing education requirements set out in these Rules. Documentation of these activities should be retained by the applicant and not sent to the Board (unless required to do so under section 750-6-.05(3) below). False attestation of satisfaction of the continuing education requirements on a renewal application shall subject the applicant to disciplinary action, including revocation.

(3) The Board may conduct an audit of the renewal applications to insure compliance with requirements. Applicants who are audited will be required to document their continuing education activities. Documentation must be in the form of a certificate of attendance, a statement signed by the provider verifying participation in the activity, or official transcript. Failure to provide the Board with documentation of the hours attested to on the renewal application shall be grounds for disapproving the application for renewal or, if the certificate has been renewed, revoking the certificate.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-25, 43-51-5, 43-51-6, 43-51-6.1. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Documentation of Continuing Education" adopted F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Amended:** F. Sept. 11, 1995; eff. Oct 1, 1995. **Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.

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Failure to renew a certificate by October 1 of renewal year shall have the same effect as revocation of the certificate.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 277; 1975, pp. 1074, 1077; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-51-5.

History. Original Rule entitled "Applications" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971.

Amended: Rule repealed and Rule 750-10-.01 entitled "Procedural Rules" renumbered as 750-7-.01. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Revocation for Failure to Renew" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-7-.02 Reinstatement.

(1) Certificates that have not been renewed may be reinstated at the discretion of the Board. An operator or analyst may not be issued more than one certificate number in a class or category.

(2) Applications for reinstatement shall be accompanied by:

- (a) A reinstatement fee established by the Board (See Fee Schedule);
- (b) Evidence of the completion, since the last renewal, of the total continuing education points which would have been required if the certificate had been maintained in a current status; and
- (c) Evidence of meeting the minimum current education requirements for that class and category of certificate.

(3) If a certificate has lapsed for a period of more than 2 years, the Board shall require, as a prerequisite for reinstatement, passage of an examination for that category of certificate in lieu of the continuing education in paragraph (2)(b) of this rule.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-4, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-51-5. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Examination" adopted. F. Oct. 8, 1971; eff. Oct. 28, 1971. **Repealed:** F. Nov. 19, 1980; eff. Dec. 9, 1980.

Amended: New Rule entitled "Reinstatement Within Two Years of Revocation for Failure to Renew" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Amended:** ER. 750-7-0.6-.02 adopted. F. June 7, 1994; eff. July 1, 1994. **Amended:** Permanent Rule adopted. F. July 27, 1994; eff. Aug. 16, 1994. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Reinstatement" adopted. F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001. **Amended:** F. Apr. 1, 2002; eff. Apr. 21, 2002.

750-7-.03 Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-4, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-51-5. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Certification by Governing Body" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of same title adopted. Filed May 15, 1972; effective June 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** New Rule entitled "Reinstatement After Two Years of Revocation for Failure to Renew" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Amended:** F. Feb. 5, 1993; eff. Feb. 25, 1993. **Amended:** ER 750-7-0.6-.03 was f. Jun. 7, 1994; eff. Jul. 1, 1994 as specified by the agency, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this ER. **Amended:** Permanent Rule adopted. F. Jul. 27, 1994; eff. Aug. 16, 1994. **Amended:** F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb. 29, 2000. **Repealed:** F. Jan. 11, 2001; eff. Jan. 31, 2001.

750-7-.04 Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Certification Restricted" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.

750-7-.05 Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Classification of certificates" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed May 15, 1972; effective June 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.

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(1) Change of Name. The holder of a certificate shall notify the Board office, in writing within 30 days of a change in their name and must accompany such notice with a certified copy of the marriage certificate, court order, or other documentation of a legal name change, with the appropriate fee. See Fee Schedule.

(2) Change of Address. The holder of a certificate shall notify the Board office, in writing within 30 days of a change in their mailing address.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-7, 43-1-25, 43-51-5. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Application" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Amended:** Rule entitled "Fees" adopted. Filed April 3, 1986; effective April 23, 1986. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Change of Name or Address" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-8-.02 Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Examination" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.

750-8-.03 Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Certification Proof" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.

750-8-.04 Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 276, 277. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Reciprocity Privileges" was filed on October 8, 1971; effective October 28, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980.

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Refer to the Fee Schedule for appropriate fees payable to the Board or its agent. Fees may be reviewed and changed at the discretion of the Board. An indebtedness to the Board caused by a returned check will be dealt with in accordance with Code Section 16-9-20 of the Criminal Code of Georgia.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 277; 1975, pp. 1074, 1077, 1078; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-3, 43-1-19(1); 43-1-25; 43-51-5. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Survey" was filed on August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Revocation for Failure to Renew" adopted. F. May 8, 1990; eff. May 28, 1990. **Repealed:** New rule entitled "Fees" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

750-9-.02 Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 277; 1975, pp. 1074, 1077, 1078; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-3, 43-1-19(1); 43-1-25; 43-51-5. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Investigation" was filed on August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Reinstatement within Two Years of Revocation" adopted. F. May 8, 1990; eff. May 28, 1990. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Refunds" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992. **Amended:** F. Sept 11, 1995; eff. Oct 1, 1995. **Repealed:** F. Feb. 9, 2000; eff. Feb.29, 2000.

750-9-.03 Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 277; 1975, pp. 1074, 1077; O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-19(1); 43-1-25; 43-51-5. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Orders, Hearings, Civil Actions, Appeals" was filed on August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976. **Amended:** Rule repealed. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Reinstatement after Two Years of Revocation" adopted F. May 8, 1990; eff. May 28, 1990. **Repealed:** F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.

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Disciplinary proceedings will be in accordance with Chapter 13 of Title 50 of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act, O.C.G.A. 43-1-19, and O.C.G.A. 43-51-9.

(a) The Board may revoke or suspend the certificate of an Operator or Laboratory Analyst, following a hearing conducted in accordance with Chapter 13 of the Title 50, the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act".

(b) The Board may, upon its own motion or upon the verified complaint in writing of any person, investigate the actions of any Operator or Laboratory Analyst or anyone who shall assume to act in such capacity, if the Board has reason to believe a violation of the Laws and Rules regulating Water and Wastewater Plant Operators or Laboratory Analysts may have occurred. Complaints which the Board may investigate include, but are not limited to, that the Operator or Laboratory Analyst may have practiced fraud or deception; that reasonable care, judgment, or the application of his knowledge or ability was not used in performance of his duties; or that the Operator or Laboratory Analyst is incompetent or unable to perform his duties properly.

(c) The Board may impose any sanction authorized in O.C.G.A. 43-1-19.

Authority Ga. L. 1969, pp. 272, 277; 1975, pp. 1074, 1077. O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-19, 43-51-9. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Procedural Rules" was filed on August 26, 1976; effective September 15, 1976.

Amended: Rule amended and renumbered as 750-7-.01. Filed November 19, 1980; effective December 9, 1980. **Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Disciplinary Procedures" adopted. F. Dec. 17, 1991; eff. Jan. 6, 1992.